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1. [REDACTED]

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to produce machine tools. There
was so much new construction going on, but the factory had also taken over
a building formerly occupied by a sweater factory. When in full
production the machine tool factory was to employ some

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10 thousand persons, but there were not that many [redacted] in August 1951. He did not say how many were actually employed there, nor did he make an estimate. Most of the information he had received from residents of Turciansky Svaty Martin.

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[redacted] in a new ball bearing plant had just been opened in Kysucke Nove Mesto and that some 1500 persons were employed there. When the plant was in full production, there were to be some six to eight thousand workers. Another friend of mine who resides in Kysucke Nove Mesto told me that the Swedish SKF was to deliver the machinery and was to have part interest in the plant. The Swedes withdrew, however, when they learned that the plant was to be nationalized. As a result, Zbrojovka Brno was to furnish the necessary machinery. Bearings produced in the plant were supposed to go to the USSR. I never heard any production figures or estimates.

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[redacted] the factory, which was housed in five buildings across from the railway station. See Enclosure A for [redacted]. Construction of these buildings had begun in 1949. In July 1951 buildings numbered 3, 4, and 5 in the enclosed sketch were still under construction. All five buildings were made of brick, with glass roofs. The roofs were constructed parallel to the ground and in ridges to take better advantage of the light.

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[redacted] Officer from the District National Committee, say that he wanted Vallo (fnu) arrested for economic sabotage. Vallo had been in charge of the construction of the factory and the roofs began to leak very badly. I do not know what happened to Vallo, but I do know that the roofs were repaired. The plant area which is inside a barbed wire enclosure is guarded by plant militia. Just behind the plant area there is a water reservoir on a hill. Water is pumped to the reservoir from the city's water pump station downtown. Pipes are laid from the reservoir to the plant. Electric power is used at the plant. Some of the buildings are connected by a corridor-type brick passage.

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Enclosure A: Ball Bearing Plant at Kysucke Nove Mesto

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